

# ALUTIIQ MUSEUM

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### Short Films Feature Cape Alitak Petroglyphs

The Alutiiq Museum & Archaeological Repository and the video production company WonderVisions, are proud to present *The Cape Alitak Petroglyphs*, a series of short films that explore Alutiiq heritage at the southern tip of Kodiak Island. Produced with support from the National Park Service Shared Beringian Heritage Program and a Tribal Historic Preservation grant, the films document recent archaeological research on Kodiak rock art.

For thousands of years, Alutiiq people lived in sod houses and hunted sea mammals, relying on special technologies, ancestral knowledge, and spiritual assistance to care for their families. The Cape Alitak petroglyphs are one of the only written records of their way of life. Pecked into Kodiak's granite bedrock, images of people and animals preserve customs from the Alutiiq past. Museum scientists explain this amazing history in seven short films, of 2 to 8 minutes each. We learn about the remarkable environment that surrounds Cape Alitak while hearing the stories its sites reveal.

The films include:

- The Appearing and Disappearing Petroglyphs of Cape Alitak
- Jewelry Alutiiq Style
- They Hunt Whales With Poison Spears
- This Sod House
- Going for Charcoal
- What's in This Midden?
- Storms of Cape Alitak

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, the Alutiiq Museum will debut the films in its gallery during a special Veterans Day event. Admission to the museum will be free and the films will be shared continuously throughout the day. Staff members will be available from 2:00 – 3:00 pm to discuss the making of the films. The films will also be available on the web sites of the Alutiiq Museum [www.alutiiqmuseum.org](http://www.alutiiqmuseum.org), and WonderVisions [www.wondervisions.com](http://www.wondervisions.com), and be shown on public television in Alaska.

The Alutiiq Museum is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and sharing the cultural traditions of the Alutiiq, a Native Alaskan people. It is governed by representatives of Kodiak's Alutiiq corporations, with funding from charitable contributions, memberships, grants, and sales.